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Dear Year 6 Parents and Carers,

As you will know from our letter of 17th June, we are looking forward to inviting Year 6 to return to school from Monday 13th to Friday 17th July. The Year 6 team have planned a memorable and meaningful week for the Year 6 learners and are keen to welcome all the children back for the full week. Further details will follow, but the week will include fun activities similar to some of those they missed due to the disruption of the COVID-19 situation.

The purpose of this letter is to outline the measures we are taking to ensure the safety of both children and adults and to provide details regarding the specific arrangements for Year 6 children to be able to return. Whether your child has been in school for Key Worker childcare or has been at home, you will need to register them for the week using the website link given overleaf.

The outline of the safety measures we are taking were listed in our letter sent on 20th May 2020, available to view on our website:

<https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Coronavirus+Information+and+Current+School+Communication&pid=75>

Those specific to Year 6 are included in the information below.

Further Details for the Return of Year 6

- We will limit the number of children in each classroom to a maximum of 15 and re-arrange the layout of the classrooms to encourage distance between children.
- Children will remain in their classroom groups (their 'bubble') throughout the week to minimise mixing. This means that your child may not have their usual class teacher or support staff, although all of the 'bubble' groups will include a member of the Year 6 team.
- Morning breaks and lunchtime breaks will be staggered and each classroom group (bubble) will have a designated play area – to minimise any mixing of groups.
- To enable us to implement staggered start times, the Year 6 school day will begin at **9:15am** – we will receive the children into the classroom from 9:05am onwards. To enable us to stagger arrival times on the school site, unless you are a Key Worker, please do not arrive at QI any earlier.
- To enable us to implement staggered finish times, the Year 6 school day will end at **3:05pm**. If you are coming to collect your child, please do not arrive on the school site before 3:00pm.
- We ask that only one parent accompanies their child to or from school to help implement appropriate social distancing for all adults and children. If you drop your child at the school gate or meet them outside the site, they will need to take responsibility for themselves keeping a safe distance from other children and families on the school site.
- At lunchtime, all meals will be eaten in the classrooms. The kitchen will provide 'Lunch Box' meals to children entitled to Free School Meals and to any child who wishes to order a meal on the day - there will be no hot meal provision. The lunch box menu is on our website:
<https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Meals&pid=87>

Children are welcome to bring their own packed lunches to eat within their classroom (bubble) group.

- If any child in a classroom group ('bubble') presents at school with possible coronavirus symptoms, they will be isolated immediately and sent home. The other children in that bubble may also need to be sent home to self-isolate for 14 days or until a negative test result is confirmed for the child with symptoms.
- If a member of staff has to self-isolate due to coronavirus symptoms, their 'bubble' group will be notified. All members of the group will need to self-isolate at home for 14 days or until a negative test result is confirmed for the member of staff.
- We ask that all children from different classroom groups (bubbles) maintain the Government stipulated safe distance from each other before and after school.
- Parents are not be permitted inside the school building, other than for essential interactions with the school office which cannot be achieved by other means (i.e. telephone/email).
- We are not opening the Aintree entrance to the site until further notice.
- We ask that the children wear their school uniform or suitable clothing in similar colours if any items no longer fit. There may be certain days when PE kit is required. We will let you know which days these will be.

This is a difficult and unprecedented situation, and we will do our very best to minimise the risk to children and adults. Despite this, however, we are unable to guarantee that children will not be exposed to the coronavirus (COVID-19). We understand that many of you will be anxious about returning your child to school and need make you aware that there will be no sanction if you choose not to take up the offer for your child to return to school at this time.

To assist us in assessing the number of children to expect, and their needs, we need you to **complete our online 'Returning to School' Registration and Questionnaire by midday on Friday 3rd July 2020**, even if you are a Key Worker and your child has already been at school. Please visit:

<https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/form/?pid=112&form=215>

Once we have received all of the registration and questionnaire responses, we will be in touch with those of you who wish to return your children to Year 6 with further information.

As I am sure you can appreciate, we are all doing our very best to cope with a challenging and changing situation. Due to the additional demands placed on staff, some of whom are themselves vulnerable, we may not be able to answer your calls and enquiries as promptly as we have been able to in the past. Please rest assured that the children are the heart of our school and we will continue to place their wellbeing first at all times. Until the 10th July, we will continue to provide Year 6 Learning from Home through our website and hope you can encourage your children to continue to engage in this.

You are welcome to use the 'contact us' facility on our website if you have any further questions. I send my best wishes to all of you.

Yours sincerely



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